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1. EMBASSY MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MOVE REFUGEES AUTHORIZED REFTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, RASMUSSEN, EMBOFF CHARGED WITH CHIEF RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS AND VOLAG BEERY ARE PRESENTLY IN JOHORE WITH INS CIRCUIT RIDER NICHOLL, DEAN DIZIKES HAS JUST TAKEN OVER AS CONSUL, AND THIRD OFFICER WITH REFUGEE EXPERIENCE IS RECOVERING FROM EFFECTS OF SERIOUS ILLNESS CONTRACTED LAST WEEK WHILE INTERVIEWING REFUGEES IN TRENGGANU. IN ADDITION, NORMAL PROCEDURES FOR MVOING REFUGEES FROM DISTANT CAMPS TO KUALA LUMPUR FOR MEDICAL EXAMS, FINAL PROCESSING, ETC., TAKE MINIMUM OF THREE WORK DAYS FOR THOSE LOCATED ON EAST COAST AND LONGER FOR REFUGEES IN EAST MALAYSIA. MEDICAL EXAMS, INCLUDING LAB WORK AND X-RAYS, TAKE AN ADDITIONAL FIVE WORK DAYS BECAUSE REFUGEES HAVE TO BE WORKED INTO BUSY SCHEDULE OF ONLY INS-APPROVED TEAM OF DOCTORS.

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2. GIVEN THESE CONDITIONS, WE NOW EXPECT THAT THE FIRST GROUP OF 58 REFUGEES, I.E., 30 IN TRENGGANU (PULAU BESAR) AND 28 IN KUANTAN, WILL ARRIVE IN K.L. ON SUNDAY, JULY 17, THAT MEDICAL PROCESSING WILL BEGIN MONDAY, JULY 18, AND THAT THIS GROUP WILL LEAVE K.L. FOR BANGKOK AND HONG KONG SUNDAY, JULY 24. (WE UNDERSTAND HONG KONG PREFERS SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY ARRIVALS. WE WILL NOTIFY ALL CONCERNED WHEN THIS DATE IS FINAL.) WE ALSO

EXPECT THAT NGUYEN VAN VU AND FAMILY OF FOUR (KL 3844) WILL BE READY TO TRAVEL WITH THIS FIRST GROUP. (THE BABY, NGUYEN THI FRIARY, WAS BORN JUNE 20, 1977.)

3. FIFTY-SEVEN OF THE REFUGEES LISTED REFTEL ARE LOCATED IN EAST MALAYSIA (8 AT KUCHING, 9 AT GOEBILT, 9 AT BINTULU AND 31 ON LABUAN ISLAND). FIVE, I.E., GROUP G, THE FAMILY OF LUU KIM THANH, HAVE ALREADY LEFT MALAYSIA FOR CANADA. WE EXPECT THAT THE 57 IN EAST MALAYSIA WILL BE MOVED TO KUALA LUMPUR BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK AND WILL DO OUR BEST TO HAVE THEM PROCESSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MOVE THEM TO HONG KONG SOMETIME IN THE PERIOD JULY 27-31.

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN MOVING REFUGEES WITHIN MALAYSIA AND THE TIME IT TAKES TO PROCESS THEM FOR DEPARTURE. WE WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF TEN WORKING DAYS FOR THESE AND FUTURE GROUPS OF REFUGEES BETWEEN THE AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE AND THEIR ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG. FOR REFUGEES LOCATED IN EAST MALAYSIA AN ADDITIONAL THREE TO FOUR DAYS SHOULD BE ALLOWED.
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